

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

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No. 847

H.P. 624

House of Representatives, March 21, 1989

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McCORMICK of Rockport.

Cosponsored by Representative CARROLL of Gray, Representative GREENLAW of Standish and Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Preservation of
Volunteer Ambulance Crews and Volunteer Fire Departments.**



1 **Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to
2 Study the Preservation of Volunteer Ambulance Crews and Volunteer
3 Fire Departments is established; and be it further

5 **Membership. Resolved:** That the commission shall consist of
6 the following 12 members to be appointed within 30 days of the
7 effective date of this resolve: two Senators appointed by the
8 President of the Senate, including one Democrat and one
9 Republican; 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed
10 by the Speaker of the House, including one Democrat and one
11 Republican; 6 nonlegislative members appointed by the Governor,
12 including 2 representatives of volunteer fire departments, 2
13 representatives of volunteer ambulance crews, one representative
14 of a nonvolunteer fire department and one representative of a
15 nonvolunteer ambulance crew; and the State Fire Marshal and the
16 chair of the Emergency Medical Services Board, or their
17 designees; and be it further

19 **Study. Resolved:** That the commission study the impact of
20 state-mandated training requirements on the ability of volunteer
21 fire departments and ambulance crews to recruit and retain
22 volunteers. The commission shall examine the cost and time
23 required to train volunteers in accordance with current
24 requirements. The commission shall consider feasible alternative
25 requirements to be applied to volunteer firefighters and
26 ambulance crews and shall review the costs, benefits and safety
27 impact of these alternatives; and be it further

29 **Convening of commission. Resolved:** That when the appointment
30 of all commission members is complete, the Governor shall call
31 the commission together for its first meeting within 30 days. At
32 the first meeting, the members shall elect a chair and other
33 officers; and be it further

35 **Report. Resolved:** That the commission submit its report,
36 together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the
37 114th Legislature no later than December 1, 1989; and be it
38 further

39 **Staff; compensation. Resolved:** That the commission shall
40 request necessary staff assistance from the Legislative Council.
41 The members of the commission who are Legislators shall receive
42 the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised
43 Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for days in attendance at
44 commission meetings. All members of the commission, except the
45 employees of State Government, shall receive reimbursement for
46 expenses upon application to the Executive Director of the
47 Legislative Council; and be it further

49 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
50 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
51 this resolve.

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**Commission to Study the
Preservation of Volunteer
Ambulance Crews and
Volunteer Fire Departments**

Personal Services	\$1,320
All Other	5,600

Provides funds for the legislative per diem, meetings and related expenses of the Commission to Study the Preservation of Volunteer Ambulance Crews and Volunteer Fire Departments.

**LEGISLATURE
TOTAL**

\$6,920

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Preservation of Volunteer Ambulance Crews and Volunteer Fire Departments in the State. The commission will review the costs associated with current training requirements and will consider feasible alternative training requirements for volunteer crews.

The commission will report the results of its study to the Legislature by December 1, 1989.